

Waterloo Sept 5. 1849.

My Dear. This paper again in spite of my
promise, ^{not} to use it again. It is capital paper to write
upon. I am spending this Sunday in one of the
~~most~~ delightful Quaker families that I ever
knew. There are four most beautiful
daughters in the family. Their intelligence &
refinement are equal to their beauty. They
were formerly of Philadelphia & their names
are M^{rs} Clintoock. I first became acquainted with
them about 4 years ago. I had well nigh lost
my heart among them at that time, & they are
exceedingly agreeable to me now. I wish you
could become acquainted with them. You don't
know how kind they are to me, & how much
they love me. I don't know but they wish
that I were not — There is only one of them
an abolitionist. She is, I think the truest
one, but not the most talented. They are de-
lightfully lovable folks, & I wish you knew
how beautiful such an oasis is, to your poor
desert-wanderer. The names of these beautiful
sisters are Lizzy, Mary, Sarah & Julia. They
only need the ministry of music to call forth
into expression the deep calm beauty of
their natures, & which occasionally betrays
itself in the gentle glances of their large blue
eyes.

But dearest, from amidst all this sunk beauty my
spirit ~~and~~ breaks ^{away} an unwilling prisoner, & flies
to you. It compasses the wide distance between us
regardless of breaking the Sabbath, by making
so long a journey - & despite the threatening Na-
joined those who commit that sin. I wish I could
be with you in the fullness of my being - person-
ally as well as spiritually - But be of good cheer
I am on my way to you. My course is homeward
though it would but slowly. I shall come to you
in all this month. The opportunity for lectures
west of Rochester was so inconspicuous that we
concluded, that but one of us ought to go as
far as Buffalo. Mr Allen will fill the oppor-
tunities to the westward & will likely go as
far as Cincinnati. The best field of labor in
N Y is eastward of Syracuse - I shall visit as
in any of the places mentioned in my last let-
ter to you, as I can between this and the 1st Oct
there is ample opportunity for lectures through-
out the whole of that region. Mr Allen is
going to Cincinnati to see what the prospect
may be for our starting a paper, & school
there. We have concluded to do that, at
the best thing possible for us & the Cause
We must devote ourselves to association &
at the same time, secure to ourselves the
means of support. We have not as yet

made any definite plans in relation
to it. but have the thing in contemplation
& Mr Allen goes to see what encouragement
there may be for it. We have had a very good
offer in Utica. but we do not wish to be so
near the Centre in New York, as to interfere
with the circulation of the Harbinger. We
know that we can publish a paper, that will
be serviceable to the cause, & which we think will
be both popular & profitable. We shall be
alternately lecturing all the while, and at
the same time corresponding with the paper
& obtaining subscribers for it. Allen will do
as we wish encouragement there may be in
Cincinnati for the Associative School, which
you & the Schettens talked about. We are deter-
mined now to plan ourselves upon an inde-
pendent basis, as to a living, so that it shall not
depend upon the contingencies of any Society's
treasury, whether or not we may labor in
Association & Chalmers. to which service our
lives are pledged. The result of his observa-
tions in Ohio must determine our course -
I have seen Davis's book & read it somewhat,
what a production it is too. He is grand in his
thought, profound in his philosophy. rational
in his religion. Journalistic in his convey-
ing & theory of Society. & calm dignified &

liberal, whilst he is irresistible in his criticism
upon the existing social institutions. Whatever
may be said of the conditions under which
he is said to have dictated it, it cannot fail
of doing immense good. I don't care what were
the circumstances under which it was written,
it must be judged of by its intrinsic merits
& the philosophy which it unfolds must be
tested by the Canon of Positive Science. I have not
as yet got any new ideas from it. He seems to
have stated in a very clear & happy manner
those great principles which Fourier has un-
folded by mathematical formulae - such
Swedenborg revealed in a mystical style
^{which were}
& prevented somewhat, in passing through
the medium of his early prejudices.
But to this book must be accredited the honor
of containing the profoundest system of phi-
losophy combined with the loftiest eloquence
& sublimest poetry, of any book which has
appeared for ages, excepting always Fourier's

But you have doubtless seen it & heard a
great deal said of its merits. What say the
Kewington editors of it? By the way I have not
got but one number of that paper since
leaving home & that was at Syracuse - It
is curious I think & the one I asked John
to send me, has not come to hand either
but I got along without it.

I lectured Lime Coast evening to a small audience. & am to speak again this evening — I have not much hope of effecting anything important here. but in as much as my expenses were paid from Rochester I was glad to come here. I soon expect to lecture at Seneca Falls 3 miles from here tomorrow evening & till Wednesday evening. but if not I shall go directly to King's Ferry where I ^{shall} spend two days on more.

It is nearly time for meeting & I must close for the sake of a few moments of reflection before-hand. I am anxious to hear how you are. Your letter to Rotavia I shall not get until I reach King's Ferry where I told Allen to forward it. I trust it not late to go to Rotavia although Mr B's father sent us a pass over the Rail-road from Rochester to his place. You will have sent me another letter to King's Ferry ere I get there. I am anxious to hear from neither from either mother & indeed. Give them my love & earnest gratitude for their kindness to you & also to all our family. I am pretty well though tired beyond measure. No one can tell without trial the exhausting & fatiguing labors of a lecturer. It is overwhelming talk. O the loving & faithful & beautiful. Even your dearest John.



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